

Amendments To The Claims

1.(currently amended) A method of installing software on a computer comprising:

contacting a software distribution medium, the software distribution medium comprising multiple software versions for installation on a computer;

automatically locating an INF file located in a root directory of the software distribution medium; and

installing a correct software version located in a subdirectory on the software distribution medium on the computer based on information within the INF file.

2.(currently amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

accessing within the INF file, a source section and a strings section that correspond to a country code and a version of an operating system present on the computer;

replacing path variables in the source section with path values from the strings section; and

locating the correct software version based on the path values.

3.(canceled)

4.(currently amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 2, wherein the correct software version corresponds to the country code and the version of the operating system present on the computer.

5.(currently amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 1 & 3, further comprising:

manually locating a secondary INF file within the subdirectory; and

installing the correct software version on the computer based on information within the secondary INF file.

6.(currently amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 1, wherein the software distribution medium is embodied as a computer storage medium selected from a group of computer storage media comprising:

- a flash memory;
- a hard disk;
- read only memory (ROM);
- a removable floppy disk; and
- a removable optical disk.

7.(currently amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 1, wherein the software distribution medium is a computer storage medium associated with a remote server coupled to the computer device via a network.

8.(currently amended) A software distribution medium having computer readable information thereon comprising:

- multiple installable software versions;
- a root INF file configured to control a software installation of any one of the multiple software versions; and
- secondary INF files, each configured to control a software installation of a particular software version.

9.(currently amended) The [[A]] software distribution medium as recited in claim 8, further comprising:

- a root directory and multiple subdirectories;
- wherein the root INF file is located in the root directory and each secondary INF file is located in a distinct subdirectory.

10.(currently amended) The [[A]] software distribution medium as recited in claim 8, wherein each software version is located in a distinct subdirectory.

11.(currently amended) The [[A]] software distribution medium as recited in claim 8, wherein each software version corresponds with a localized language and an operating system version.

12.(currently amended) The [[A]] software distribution medium as recited in claim 8, configured such that a single INF file controls a software installation, the single INF file being either the root INF file or one of the secondary INF files.

13.(currently amended) The [[A]] software distribution medium as recited in claim 8, wherein the root INF file comprises:

multiple source sections, each source section comprising variable information for installing a software version that corresponds to a particular operating system; and

multiple strings sections, each strings section comprising definitions for the variable information, the definitions corresponding to the location of a software version configured in a particular local language.

14.(currently amended) The [[A]] software distribution medium as recited in claim 8, embodied as a computer storage medium selected from a group of computer storage media comprising:

a flash memory;

a hard disk;

read only memory (ROM);

a removable floppy disk; and

a removable optical disk.

15.(currently amended) The [[A]] software distribution medium as recited in claim 8, embodied as a computer storage medium associated with a remote server coupled to a computer device via a network.

16.(original) A computer comprising:

a processing unit; and

a memory with installation data, the installation data comprising:
multiple software versions; and
a double INF file architecture configured to direct the processing unit to automatically install a correct software version on the computer.

17.(currently amended) The [[A]] computer as recited in claim 16, wherein the double INF file architecture further comprises:

a root INF file configured to direct the processing unit to install any one of the software versions as the correct software version on the computer; and
multiple secondary INF files, each secondary INF file configured to direct the processing unit to install a particular software version as the correct software version on the computer.

18.(currently amended) The [[A]] computer as recited in claim 16, wherein the memory further comprises:

an operating system version operable in a local language; and
wherein the correct software version is determined based on the operating system version and the local language.

19.(currently amended) The [[A]] computer as recited in claim 16, wherein the memory is a computer storage medium selected from a group of computer storage media comprising:

a flash memory;
a hard disk;
read only memory (ROM);
a removable floppy disk; and
a removable optical disk.

20.(original) A system comprising:

a computer device comprising an installation module; and
a software distribution medium comprising a root INF file located in a root

directory and secondary INF files each located in a particular subdirectory, the root INF file configured to direct the installation module to install a correct software version onto the computer device from source files located in any subdirectory, each secondary INF file configured to direct the installation module to install a correct software version onto the computer device from source files located in a particular subdirectory.

21.(currently amended) The [[A]] system as recited in claim 20, wherein a subdirectory comprises particular source files associated with a particular software version.

22.(currently amended) The [[A]] system as recited in claim 20, wherein a correct software version depends on an operating system version and local language of the computer device.